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Applicant: Spadaccini
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Examiner: Hopkins, Robert A.
Title: Method for Preventing Fuel Infiltration into
Microporous Polymer Membranes

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final office action mailed on September 19, 2006. Please reconsider the rejection in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks, and allowance of claims 1-14 and 22-26. Accordingly, claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Jensvold*. The Examiner argues that *Jensvold* teaches all of the features of the claims, including that the microporous polymer membrane is an amorphous fluoropolymer. In response to Applicant's previous arguments, the Examiner explains that *Jensvold* discloses an asymmetric fluoropolymer membrane wherein the membrane has no definite form and that this meets the guidelines for an amorphous fluoropolymer. Respectfully, Applicant disagrees.